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ASSESSMENT

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1. U.S.-JAPANESE HAVE AGREED TO ONE-DAY MEETING, MARCH 1, OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROJECT GROUP.

2. JAPANESE, THROUGH EMBASSY HERE, PRESENTED SIX-POINT TENTATIVE AGENDA, WHICH HEAVILY EMPHASIZES "PREDICTIVE MODELS". WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT JAPANESE WANT, ESPECIALLY AS THIS SUBJECT MAY BE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, AS SUCH. FURTHERMORE, VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE ANYWHERE IN THE FIELD OF
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"PREDICTIVE MODELS", AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IS RELATED

TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN, FOR
INSTANCE THE MATRIX OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESIDUALS IN
ENERGY SYSTEMS (MERES).

3. U.S. THEREFORE PROPOSES SIMPLER TWO-POINT AGENDA
FOR THIS MEETING ALLOWING FOR INITIAL EXPLORATION
WITH THE JAPANESE OF SCOPE OF SUBJECT, AS FOLLOWS:

I. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, THEORY
AND PRACTICE -- U.S. AND JAPANESE EXPERIENCES,
AND POSSIBLE AREAS OF PROJECT ACTIVITY

II. METHODS OF PREDICTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

4. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST IT BE AGREED
THAT JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE REFER
MATTER, WHICH PRESENTLY ON AGENDA ITS MEETING
FEB. 26-27, TO PROJECT GROUP AFTER BRIEF INTRODUCTORY
DISCUSSION. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM GOJ
AGREEMENT ACCORDINGLY. INGERSOLL

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